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Dear Parent/Guardian

Remote Learning Update

The First Minister has now confirmed that Remote Learning will continue until at least the middle of February. We will continue to keep you informed of updates as and when we receive them. The staff are delighted with how well the children are engaging with their online learning so far and our tracking of engagement has shown impressively high participation rates. Well done!

Future Expectations

Unfortunately, there has been some early evidence of a decline for a few pupils this week in terms of the quantity of tasks completed. Please remember that during this period of remote learning, we are committed to ensuring that all children continue to make progress and thrive. Please support your child to:

- Complete all of the core tasks in Literacy, Numeracy and health and Well-being as an absolute **minimum**.
- Take part in the daily check-in set by the class teacher **every** day

If you require further support to achieve this standard, please contact myself or Miss Lawson as soon as possible.

As we move forward with remote learning, we are keen for children to be able to interact with one another and school staff. Please take note of the previously circulated guidance and permissions for this and look out for these exciting opportunities coming their way soon. Younger pupils, in particular, may need more support to access live sessions.

Teacher Availability and Feedback

We have reviewed how staff use Seesaw (P1-5) and Google Classroom (P6 &7) to provide remote learning. We love seeing and hearing from the children, please note:

- There will be a mix of how feedback is given to children – for example, written feedback, voiceover feedback, self-correction and peer assessment.
- When feedback is provided it is important that the child reads it and follows up on any advice/ suggestions offered by the teacher

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- Please note that although the teacher will see every piece of work uploaded to Seesaw/ Google Classroom, they won't necessarily comment or provide in depth feedback on every piece of work. This would be an unmanageable task along with planning, pre-recording lessons, live meetings etc.
- To maximise valuable feedback time please ensure you/your child reads or listens to the instructions carefully and avoids asking question which are already covered to save the teacher duplicating the time they have already spent explaining the tasks
- If your child is struggling with a specific concept, please send your child's teacher a message and they will get back to you to provide support.
- It is important that your child tries their best to do their work as independently as possible – this gives the teacher a clearer indication of whether or not they have grasped a new concept. If your child requires a significant amount of support to complete a task, again let the teacher know.
- Teachers will require to be offline for their statutory non-contact time, please be patient and try to avoid posting work or queries during this time. The teachers will advise you when this period is
- Occasionally teachers may be required to support learning in the school building and feedback may be affected at these times although work will still be available

Team Thorn has made a fabulous start to this period of remote learning, thank you for your part in this. As you know we never stop believing to achieve and always review and build on what we are doing, I trust I can rely once again on your support to take note of the review points above and help us ensure equity for our children and ensure they continue to achieve during this period of remote learning.

Yours in partnership



Mrs Hart

